

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Rosalie Cook grew up on a farm near Estelline, South Dakota, and attended South Dakota State University where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing; and,

Whereas, Rosalie began her nursing career working in a surgical unit at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Sioux Falls; in 1968, she began her employment at Sioux Valley Hospital as a pediatric staff nurse; and in 1973, she accepted the position as head nurse of Pediatrics, which evolved into her current role as department director at the Sioux Valley Hospital USD Medical Center; and,

Whereas, Rosalie Cook has given 35 years of dedicated service to Sioux Valley Hospital where her accomplishments have greatly improved the healthcare available to the children of our state and region, and she has proven to be a wonderful role model and compassionate person; and,

Whereas, Rosalie has witnessed many changes in nursing and medicine during her career, which includes global changes in healthcare, as well as those specific to the care of children, and during her tenure as manager, she has been instrumental in developing and expanding many facets of the departments she has supervised; and,

Whereas, Rosalie's role has always been one of ensuring that the children needing care at Sioux Valley Hospital received excellent nursing care, as well as providing the care they needed to live, grow, and be kids; and,

Whereas, Rosalie has been Sioux Valley Pediatrics' best ambassador through her service on numerous community boards, such as Child Protection Council, Children's Medical Library, Parent Connection, Ronald McDonald House, and activities at her church; and,

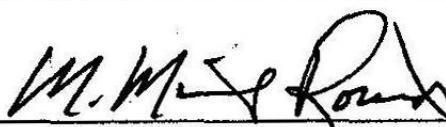
Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on the momentous occasion of her retirement on December 12, 2003:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 12, 2003, as

ROSALIE COOK DAY

in South Dakota, and I join her colleagues, friends and family as they recognize Rosalie for her commitment to a successful career and extend best wishes for a healthy and happy retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

